

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDATION OF THE SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM OF NEW MEXICO

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, there are over two million people incarcerated in the United States, and nearly 6 percent of the adult population is under some form of correctional supervision.

Over the past 25 years, prison populations have grown 377 percent and prison budgets have grown 600 percent. The burden currently borne by the American taxpayer exceeds \$162 billion annually.

The U.S. Department of Justice reports that the average criminal recidivism rate in the United States is 65 percent, and nearly two thirds of United States money is spent dealing with recidivism. Recidivism costs taxpayers over \$35 billion a year in enforcement costs, and over \$17 billion for additional court costs.

Over 80 percent of the crimes in the United States are committed by recidivists. The only continuous factor for the past 25 years linked to recidivism is drug addiction, two-thirds of the prison population recidivate, two-thirds of the prison population is addicted and approximately 90 percent of the incarcerated addicted recidivate.

The Second Chance Program is a secure long-term residential rehabilitation program treating substance abusers in the criminal justice system providing the judiciary an alternative to traditional incarceration.

The purpose of the Second Chance Program is to provide secure, long term rehabilitation and then transition individuals back into society so they can lead a stable life free of crime and drugs.

The Second Chance Program protocol is a non-medical social detoxification model of treatment based on nutrition, exercise and education.

The Second Chance Program has shown in three independent university studies to have a 90 percent success rate, and has been operational and achieving rehabilitation results in New Mexico for 1 year.

Congratulations to the Second Chance Program for successfully completing its first year of servicing the courts of New Mexico.

HONORING MR. SCOTT MARIAN

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the commitment and dedication of Scott Marian of Denver, Colorado who passed away unexpectedly on October 21st, 2007. Scott was a dedicated supporter of con-

servative causes and candidates and dedicated his life to following a path he believed to be morally correct.

He was active in politics for more than two decades including heading up a statewide initiative and running for the Colorado Legislature. Scott's career spanned from mortgage banking to owning his own business in Colorado.

Scott's life was one of great success and great difficulties but he always found comfort in his faith, his family and his friends. His dedication to spiritual needs of himself and others led his Priest to say his was one of the most prepared souls to join the Heavenly Father.

He was a great American, often spreading the positive attributes of capitalism and the word of God in the same breath. He inspired others to find their voice and express themselves in politics and faith.

Scott leaves behind his parents Joseph and Jean Marian, as well as his brother Craig, sisters Susan, Michelle, and Cheryl and eight nieces and nephews.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 515

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 515 in Cleveland, Ohio, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. In the time Troop 515 has been in existence, it has served to teach young men the value of hard work, citizenship and leadership.

Troop 515 has had over 1,000 scouts in its ranks, with 35 of those scouts rising to the rank of Eagle Scout. Many of these scouts have gone on to serve their communities, influencing social policy and businesses alike. This troop has served the greater Cleveland community as an organization where young men can learn essential skills to serve them in their adult lives.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Boy Scouts of America Troop 515. For 50 years, Troop 515 has been committed to serving Cleveland and our citizens. I thank them for their service and I wish them another 50 years of vibrant leadership and civic engagement.

RECOGNIZING CHARLENE MAURO FEARON FOR RECEIVING THE FLORIDA OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER AWARD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Charlene Mauro Fearon, this year's recipient of the Outstanding High School Science Teacher Award from the Florida Association of Science Teachers.

Ms. Fearon currently teaches marine-science at Navarre High School in Navarre, Florida. She has been an educator for over 9 years, and prior to teaching, she worked as a marine science instructor and animal care specialist at Sea World in Orlando.

With thousands of teachers in the State, the Florida Association of Science Teachers critically examines the character and performance of each nominee. Teachers are evaluated on their ability to identify and address their students' educational needs and the impact they have on the students' learning. Only teachers with great enthusiasm for the subject matter and committed devotion to their pupils are considered.

This is not the first time Ms. Fearon has been recognized for her exceptional teaching skills. In 2005, she was named the Santa Rosa County Teacher of the Year, and in 2004 she was a recipient of the John Beakley Marine Science Educator of the Year Award. Students and faculty alike praise her for the passion she devotes to her work. Her enthusiasm for the subject matter combined with her expertise of the material has sparked an overwhelmingly positive response from her students.

Through her hard work and dedication in the field of education, the impact she has had on her students and the difference she has made in their lives have proven her to be among the great teachers of the Nation. We are honored and proud to have her as one of our own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress, I am proud to recognize Charlene Mauro Fearon on this outstanding achievement for her exemplary contribution to the education of our children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 29, 2007

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1009, I was not present. Please note that I view rollcall No. 1009 as a re-vote of rollcall No. 982 on October 18, 2007 where I voted

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